3. The functions of the Board will be as follows:—

(1) To advise Government generally on Coir Industry and in particular to consider ways and means of promoting the growth of this Industry by suggesting ways for meeting their financial needs and to make efforts to start more and more Coir Industries by creating a favourable atmosphere and organising Co-operative Societies for this Industry in the State; and

(2) To deal with the specific problems relating to this Industry which might be placed before the Board by Government from time to time.

4. Except in the case of official members who may be such as may be appointed by Government from time to time, the non-official members shall hold Office for a period of TWO YEARS from the date of this Government order or until the Board is reconstituted thereafter. Vacancies occurring during the tenure of the Board will be filled up by nomination by Government.

5. The Board should hold its meetings at least four times in a year and oftener, if necessary. The meetings should be convened by the Secretary with the approval of the Chairman.

6. In the absence of the Chairman, the Members will be competent to elect a Chairman for the meeting. The proceedings of any meeting duly authenticated by the Chairman of the meeting shall be *prima facie* evidence of the business transacted by such meeting.

7. All questions for decision before the Board shall be decided by a majority of members present and voting.

8. The Secretary of the Board shall be responsible for maintaining the Minutes of the meetings of the Board and generally for assisting the Board in the discharge of its functions.

9. The non-official members of the Board will be allowed Travelling and Daily Allowances in accordance with list "A" in the Annexure to the Government Notification No. COD 1168-57, dated 23rd August 1957. The non-official Chairman will draw Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance at these rates in connection with his visits for the work of the Board to any part of the State. The Chairman of the Board will be allowed to visit places outside the State and paid T.A. and D.A. at these rates, with the previous sanction of Government.

10. The Joint Director of Industries and Commerce (Rural Industrialisation) shall countersign the T.A. and other Bills of the non-official Members of the Board.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

V. S. HIREMATH,

Deputy Secretary to Government,
Commerce and Industries Department.

HOME SECRETARIAT

Records the Administration Report of the Motor Vehicles Department for the year 1957-58.

REFERENCE—

Letter No. C. Per. A(9)-1/59, dated the 21st February 1959, from the Commissioner for Transport in Mysore, forwarding the Administration Report of the Motor Vehicles Department for the year 1957-58.

ORDER No. HD 134 MVE 58, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH JUNE 1959.—

Recorded.

2. Shri K. Henjerappa, B.A., B.L., continued as Commissioner for Transport throughout the year.

3. The Motor Vehicles Department was reorganised with effect from 1st April 1957 with 5 Regions for Administrative purposes, *viz.*, Bangalore, Belgaum, Gulbarga, Mangalore and Mysore. A Regional Transport Officer was appointed for each region as the Executive Officer and as Secretary of the Regional Transport Authority concerned.

The amended Motor Vehicles Act (100) of 1956 having come into force from 16th February 1957, the Commissioner for Land Revenue and Settlement and *Ex-Officio* Director of Food Supplies was appointed Chairman, Mysore State Transport Authority and he continued from 1st April 1957 to 31st December 1957. Subsequently, the Divisional Commissioner, Bangalore, was appointed Chairman, State Transport Authority. Sri K. Henjerappa was appointed Secretary, Mysore State Transport Authority, with effect from 1st April 1957. The arrangement of having 5 Regions was, in practice, found to be rather unwieldy and inconvenient particularly in regard to registration and inspection of motor vehicles and payment of tax. Government therefore passed orders constituting 19 Regions with effect from 1st January 1958 at one for each Revenue District with the Additional District Magistrate as its Chairman and Regional Transport Officer as its Secretary and Executive Officer.

4. The Regional Transport Officers were appointed Licensing Officers under the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957. The control of traffic throughout the State continued to be the responsibility of the police.

Uniform rules under the Motor Vehicles Act applicable throughout the State, were under compilation.

5. *Appeals.*—The authority to decide an appeal against the orders of the Regional Transport Authority was the State Transport Authority. The Secretary of the State Transport Authority was delegated the power to hear and dispose of the applications for stay orders and vacating the same. It was provided that Second Appeals against the orders of the State Transport Authority would lie to the Revenue Appellate Tribunal. During the year under report the following Appeals and Revision petitions were filed and disposed of :—

	Filed	*Disposed of*	*Balance*
Appeals	430	305	125
Revisions	243	177	66

6. *Inter-State Reciprocity.*—Agreements in respect of Taxation, movement of motor vehicles on inter-state routes and other matters involving joint interests have been finalised in respect of the neighbouring States of Madras, Bombay and Kerala. In regard to the Andhra Pradesh State, the matter was under active consideration. The principle of levy of single point tax has, however, been accepted in general.

7. *Statistics.*—The total number of cars and other non-transport vehicles in use in the new State at the end of the year was 17,591 (13,727) excluding 5,885 motor cycles. The number of vehicles newly registered and re-registered during the year was 16,956 (4,906) of which 2,621 were motor cycles. In all, 13,476 (9,365) pucca permits and 8,375 (2,328) were issued to transport vehicles. The number of driving licences and conductor's certificates issued during the year were 33,424 (35,622) and 6,395 (3,365) respectively.

8. The following penalties were imposed under the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules :—

(*a*) Permits suspended	Nil (7)*
(*b*) Permits cancelled	Nil (61)
(*c*) Drivers disqualified	61 (41)
(*d*) Conductors certificates suspended	97 (28)
(*e*) No. of cases convicted under the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules	33,965 (21,189)
(*f*) No. of prosecutions launched under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Acts and Rules	8,307 (9,201)
(*g*) No. of convictions	6,027 (8,425)
(*h*) No. of fitness certificates issued during the year	7,587 (2,837)

*The figures in parenthesis relate to last year 1956-57.

9. *Receipts.*—The Motor Vehicles Taxation Acts in the integrated areas of the State continued to be in force up to 1st January 1958, when a uniform Taxation Act applicable throughout the State was brought into force.

10. The net receipts during the year on account of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules and the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act and Rules was Rs. 2,19,96,025·09 (Rs. 1,30,88,875·69).

11. The working of the Department was on the whole satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

R. M. VANCHESWARA IYER,
Under Secretary to Government,
Home Department.

Reviews the Annual Administration Report on the working of the Prisons Department during the Calendar Year 1957.

READ—

Letter No. P8. 348—58, dated the 29th October 1958, from the Inspector General of Prisons submitting the report on the working of the Prisons Department during the calendar year 1957.

ORDER No. HD 1 PAD 58, DATED BANGALORE, THE 1ST JUNE 1959
(JYEISHTA 11, SAKA ERA 1881).

Recorded.

Direction.—Shri B. Thimmaraj Urs, I.P.S., was the Inspector General of Prisons from the beginning of the year 1957 till the 29th June 1957 on which date Shri C. Doraiswamy, the Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, was placed in additional charge of the post of the Inspector General of Prisons. He continued till the end of the year 1957.

Prison Institutions.—At the beginning of the year under report, the 5 Central Jails, 5 District Jails, 1 Special Sub-Jail, 7 District Lockups, 2 Special Lockups, 84 Sub-Jails and Taluk Lockups, 2 Borstal Schools, 2 Junior Certified Schools and 2 Industrial and Agricultural Settlements were functioning under the control of the Inspector General of Prisons. During the month of May 1957 the two Junior Certified Schools at Bellary and Hubli and the two Industrial and Agricultural Settlements at Bijapur and Khanapur were transferred from the control of the Inspector General of Prisons to the Director of Social Welfare and Chief Inspector of Certified Schools in the State.

Prison population.—At the commencement of the year under report there were 4,886 prisoners of all classes in the several Jails and Lockups, 24,616 were newly admitted, 24,431 were discharged and 5,071 remained at the close of the year. The daily average prison population was 4796·39 as against 6249·44 during the previous year, the reason for the decrease in the Prison population is due to the fact that General Amnesty was granted in August 1957 in commemoration of the Centenary of the Struggle for the Freedom of India.

Escapes.—During the year under report the total number of prisoners that escaped were 14, of which 8 were apprehended and 6 remained at large as against the corresponding figures 12, 6 and 6 for the previous year.

Jail Offences.—One hundred and forty Major prison offences and 218 minor offences were dealt with by the Superintendents of Jails for the breach of jail rules by the prisoners during the year under report as against 63 and 173 during the previous year. In the case of the lockups no offences were dealt with by the officers in charge of the Lockups.

Convict Officers.—During the year under report, the total average number of prisoners appointed as Convict officers was 230·85 in the case of males and 13 in the case of the females as against 741·97 and 2·30, respectively, during the previous year. The average number of convicts so employed has not exceeded the limit prescribed in the rules of the several Jail Manuals in force in the State.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure incurred in respect of the Central Jails, District Jails and Special Sub-Jails during the year under report was Rs. 19,91,629·56 as against Rs. 10,94,128-4-0 during the previous year. Similar figures for the Taluk Lockups and Sub-Jails were Rs. 4,61,910·09 and Rs. 2,49,467-4-1 respectively. The total average cost per head of average strength in the Central District and Special Sub-Jails was Rs. 415·27 as against Rs. 185-10-6 during the previous year.